Acute shortage of power in Maharashtra

1592. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of POWER of pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra is facing acute power shortage since the last five and half years;

(b) what steps have been taken to bridge the gap between actual demand and supply;

(c) the details of production and demand during the last five and half years from 1st April, 2001 to 30th September, 2005;

(d) whether the Dabhol Power Project of 2184 MW is being revived;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of new Power Projects cleared by Government in Maharashtra during last five and half years?

THE MINISTER OF POWR (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The details of power supply position of Maharashtra for the period from April, 2000 to October, 2005 are as under:

Year	Energy(MU				Peak(MW)			
	Requirement	Availa-bility	Short-age	Shortage (%)	Peak	Peak Met	Short-age	Short age(%)
2000-01	79527	71184	8343	10.5	12535	10596	1939	15.5
2001-02	80489	73438	7051	8.8	12265	10726	1539	12.5
2002-03	87152	75472	11680	13.4	13697	10984	2713	19.8
2003-04	87933	78966	8967	10.2	14503	11868	2635	18.2
2004-05	92715	81541	11174	12.1	14986	12464	2522	16.8
2005-06 (April-October)	55901	47999	7902	14.1	15741	12360	3381	21.5

(b) Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State is in the purview of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned. Government of India only supplements the efforts of State Government(s) by commissioning power projects through Central Public Sector Undertakings. However, the following assistance has been

provided by the Central Government during the cunrent year to the State of Maharashtra to improve the power scenario in the State:

(i) Allocation from Central unallocated pool increased to 252 MW from 200 MW w.e.f. 04.05.2005.

(ii) Allocation of 60 MW during peak hrs. and 110 MW during off-peak hrs. from NTPC stations in Eastern Region.

(iii) Efforts to revive Dabhol Plant.

(iv) With the commissioning of Unit-4 (1 x540 MW) of Tarapur Atomic Power Station, 196.5 MW power has been allocated to Maharashtra. Additional 196.5 MW will be available from Unit-3 (1 x540 MW) of the project which is expected to be commissioned during 2006-07.

(c) The details of production of power during the last five and half years from 01 - 04.2001 to 30.09.2005 are given as under:—

Generation in MU

Type Generatio	Section	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	01.04.0 to 30.09.05
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Thermal	State	42188	45324	44249	46161	47045	21491
	Private	14142	12586	12982	13377	13950	6784
Hydro	State	3661	3605	4034	3989	4006	2945
	Private	1152	1301	1338	1347	1438	1265
Total Maharashtra		61143	62816	62603	64874	66439	32485

The details of demand of power in the State have already been indicated in reply to part (a) of the question.

(d) and (e) The various aspects for restart of the Dabhol Power Project including its financial viability have been deliberated among concerned stakeholders including the Government of Maharashtra under the overall supervision of the Empowered Group of Ministers set up by the Government of India to examine and decide all issues related to the project. Consequent to these deliberations, various activities for early restart of the project have commenced at the project site.

The High Court of Judicature at Mumbai has on 22.09.2005 passed its order in the consent Petition No. 1116 of 2005 for the transfer of assets of Dabhor-Power Company to Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Ltd. (RGPPL).

RGPPL has taken over the physical possession of assets from the Court Receiver on 06.10.2005 and has initiated actions for completion and restart of the erstwhile Dabhol Power Project.

The total power generation capacity of the project is estimated to 2150 MW. Subject to the availability of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), the power generation from one block (of total three blocks) is likely to commence by July, 2006. All three blocks are likely to be declared commercial by November, 2006.

(f) During last five and half years, techno-economic clearance was accorded by CEA to Paras TPS Extn. (1x250 MW) in Maharashtra.

MEGA Power Projects

1593. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of developing 4 ultra mega power projects of 5,000 MW;

(b) if so, whether they will be based on coal or hydro power;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the projects and how the Ministry is thinking of pooling the resources for these projects;

(d) whether the Ministry is involving the Central Electricity Authority and other agencies concerned in selecting the sites for these mega projects across the country;

(e) whether any site has been identified in Andhra Pradesh;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up Ultra Mega thermal power projects of about 4000 MW capacity each and coasta/pithead locations through competitive bidding. Various alternative sites are being examined for these projects based on use of coal.